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## EDUCATION

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- 2014 - May 2020  
(expected)      **University of Texas at Austin**  
Ph.D. Philosophy (Joint Program in Ancient Philosophy)
- Dissertation Title: TBD  
Supervisor: R. J. Hankinson  
Committee: Victor Caston (Michigan) Matt Evans, Stephen White
- Conferred 2014      **University of Toronto**  
B.A. (Hons.) Philosophy (Specialist), Classical Civilizations (Major)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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**Area of Specialization:** Ancient Philosophy

**Areas of Competence:** Metaphysics, Philosophy of Language

## LANGUAGES

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<b>Modern:</b>		<b>Classical:</b>	
English	Armenian (native)	Ancient Greek	Classical Armenian
French (basic reading)	German (basic reading)	Latin	

## PUBLICATIONS

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“Parmenides’ Grand Deduction: A Logical Reconstruction of the Way of Truth by Michael Wedin”  
(with Matt Evans), *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (53) 4: 775-776 (2015)

## PRESENTATIONS

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- Oct. 2017      **Aristotle and the Stoics on Signification**  
Forms: New Perspectives on Ancient Metaphysics and Epistemology Conference  
Università degli Studi di Milano
- Sept. 2017      **A Discussion of Jaap Mansfeld et al. ‘Melissus Between Miletus and Elea’** (Invited)  
10<sup>th</sup> Biennial Eleatica Symposium  
Fondazione Alario per Elea-Velia Onlus
- Jan. 2017      **Knowing and Feeling: An Epistemic Model of the Stoic View of Emotions**  
148<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Society for Classical Studies  
Toronto, Ontario

- June 2016 **Parmenidean Ontology and Verbs of Cognition: A Solution to the Alētheia-Doxa Problem**  
5<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the International Association for Presocratic Studies (IAPS)  
University of Texas at Austin
- Dec. 2015 **Parmenidean Ontology and Verbs of Cognition: A Solution to the Alētheia-Doxa Problem**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ancient Philosophy Workshop for Female Graduate Students and Early Career Researchers  
Humboldt Universität zu Berlin
- Mar. 2015 **Are Stoic Limits Incorporeals?**  
8<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student Conference: ‘Delimiting Limits’  
University of South Florida
- Oct. 2015 **A Cosmological Assessment of Parmenidean Monisms**  
33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy (SAGP)  
Fordham University
- Apr. 2013 **Using Plotinus to Extract Plato’s Account of Akrasia as Culpable Ignorance**  
Undergraduate Research Conference  
University of Toronto

**Departmental Talks:**

- April 2018 **Stoic Metabasis and How We Conceive of Lekta**  
Department of Philosophy Dissertation Seminar
- Sept. 2017 **Aristotle and the Stoics on Signification**  
Department of Philosophy Graduate Colloquium Series

**Commentaries:**

- June 2018 **On Eliya Cohen, “Vibration as an Explanation for Contact and Compound Individuation in Epicurean Physics”**  
Athena in Action: A Networking and Mentoring Workshop for Graduate Student Women in Philosophy  
Princeton University
- Jan. 2017 **On Katherine Meadows, “The Priority in Being of Actuality to Potentiality in Metaphysics Theta 8”**  
American Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Meeting  
Baltimore, MD
- Feb. 2015 **On Susan Sauvé Meyer, “Stoic Desires: Affect and Impulse in the Stoic Doctrine of the Passions”**  
38<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop in Ancient Philosophy  
University of Texas at Austin

**FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONOURS**

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- 2018-2019 **SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship** (12 months)  
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
- Spring 2019 **Continuing Fellowship**  
School of Graduate Studies, University of Texas at Austin

- Spring 2017 **Inclusive Classrooms Leadership Certificate**  
Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, University of Texas at Austin
- Fall 2017 **Professional Development Travel Award** (x4 – incl. Spring 2015, Fall 2015)  
School of Graduate Studies, University of Texas at Austin
- Spring 2016 **Cogburn Foundation Philosophical Essay Prize\***  
For “Parmenidean Ontology and Verbs of Cognition: A Solution to the Alētheia-Doxa Problem”
- Fall 2015 **The Ethel Treble and F Louis Barber Travelling Postgraduate Scholarship**  
Victoria College, University of Toronto
- Fall 2014 **Teaching Fundamentals Certificate of Completion & Scholarship**  
Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Texas at Austin
- Fall 2014 **Recruiting Fellowship**  
University of Texas at Austin
- 09-10, 13-14 **Dean’s List**  
Faculty of Arts & Science, University of Toronto
- 2013 **Kathleen Cowan Prize**  
Victoria College, University of Toronto
- 2010 **Regents Scholarship**  
Victoria College, University of Toronto

(\* awarded annually to the best philosophy essays written by UT-Austin graduate students)

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- June 2018 **Athena in Action: A Networking and Mentoring Workshop for Graduate Student Women in Philosophy**  
Princeton University

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

##### **As Primary Instructor:**

- Spring 2018 Intro to Ancient Philosophy  
Fall 2017 Knowledge and Reality

##### **As Grader:**

- Spring 2017 Early Modern Philosophy (Ian Proops)  
Spring 2015 Intro to Philosophy (Daniel Bonevac)

##### **As Teaching Assistant:**

- Fall 2016 Mind and Body (Michael Tye)  
Spring 2016 Ancient Philosophy (Stephen White)  
Fall 2015 Ancient Philosophy (Jim Hankinson)  
Fall 2014 Knowledge & Valuation (Galen Strawson)  
2012-13 Intro to Philosophy (Toronto) (Peter King)

##### **Pedagogical Training:**

- Spring 2017 Inclusive Classrooms Seminar  
Fall 2016 Teaching in Philosophy (Michael Tye)  
Fall 2014 Teaching Fundamentals (Laura Beerits)

#### GRADUATE COURSEWORK (audited courses marked with \*)

##### **Ancient Philosophy:**

- Spring 2018 Plato on Knowledge and the Good\* (Matt Evans)

Spring 2016 Independent Study: Stoic Lekta (Jim Hankinson)  
Fall 2015 Independent Study: Stoic Metaphysics (Jim Hankinson)  
Fall 2015 Ancient Emotions (Stephen White)  
Spring 2015 Aristotle's Biology (Lesley Dean-Jones)  
Spring 2015 Origins of Metaphysics (Matt Evans)

**Language, Metaphysics, Mind:**

Fall 2016 The Linguistic Turn\* (Josh Dever and David Sosa)  
Spring 2016 Philosophy of Language (Ray Buchanan)  
Fall 2015 Metaphysics and Mind (Galen Strawson)  
Fall 2014 Proseminar I: The Development of Language in Analytic Philosophy (Katherine Dunlop)  
Fall 2014 Proseminar II: Physicalism, Intentionality, and Epistemology (Adam Pautz)

**Misc. Philosophy and Classics:**

Spring 2015 Core Logic (Josh Dever)  
Fall 2014 History of Analytic Ethics (John Deigh)  
Fall 2014 Classical Historiography and Greek Prose (Cristina Carusi)

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

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Fall 15-Fall 17 Euthyphrones (Ancient Greek Philosophy Reading Group), Secretary  
Spring 2017 40<sup>th</sup> Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Graduate Organizer  
2016-2017 Graduate Student Representative to Faculty  
2015-2016 University of Texas at Austin Graduate Conference, Co-organizer  
2014-2016 Minorities and Philosophy (MAP), Social Committee Member  
2013-2014 University of Toronto Undergraduate Philosophy Course Union, President